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SUBJECT: "KUWAITI" SOLUTION TO GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS AND NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY CONDEMNATION OF THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF
JERUSALEM

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1. REFTEL REPORTED POSSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT CRISIS OVER ACCUSATIONS
AND THREATS IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON MARCH 4 BETWEEN LEFTIST DEPUTY
DR. AHMAD AL-KHATIB AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND DEFENSE SHAIKH
SAAD. CABINET WALKED OUT WHEN VOTE TO STRIKE FROM RECORD OFFENDING
REMARKS DEFEATED. TYPICAL "KUWAITI" SOLUTION HAS BEEN WORKED OUT
IN BACK ROOM WITHOUT LOSS OF FACE TO EITHER FACTION.

2. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER GHUNAYM HAS RULED MARCH 4 DELETION
VOTE INVALID SINCE OVER HALF OF MEMBERS ABSTAINED, AND SINCE
MAJORITY HAD TOLD HIM PRIVATELY THEY WANTED EXCHANGES DELETED.

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HE THEREFORE, EXERCISED PREROGATIVE TO HAVE STRICKEN FROM RECORD

PHRASES ON WHICH VOTE HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN AND DELETED EXCHANGES. NOBODY OBJECTED TO THIS "KUWAITI" SOLUTION. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CALLED KHATIB A HIGHLY EDUCATED MAN AND ASKED ONLY THAT HE WORK FOR UNITY OF COUNTRY. KHATIB SAID THAT AS LONG AS HIS REMARKS WERE NOT DELETED UNDER GOVERNMENT THREATS DELETION WAS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM.

3. WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AGAIN IN SESSION, ONE ITEM ON WHICH THERE WAS UNITY WAS ON RESOLUTION DECLARING JERUSALEM AN ARAB CITY, PART OF THE ARAB, PALESTINIAN AND ISLAMIC WORLD. THE RESOLUTION ON MARCH 17 CONDEMNED CONCEPT OF "INTERNATIONALIZATION" OF JERUSALEM. RESOLUTION CAME ABOUT AS RESULT VISIT TO KUWAIT BY PLO LEADER KHALID AL-HASAN, WHO ASKED FOR KUWAIT'S SUPPORT ON THE "ARAB NATURE OF JERUSALEM."

4. COMMENT: ASSEMBLY CAN BE COUNTED ON TO SUPPORT "PROGRESSIVE" INTERNATIONAL AND ARAB ISSUES, BUT THERE WILL BE MORE HEAVY GOING FOR GOK ON INTERNAL MATTERS. AS LONG AS GOK CAN COME UP WITH "KUWAITI" SOLUTIONS, A GOVERNMENT CRISIS WILL BE AVOIDED. AS ISSUES ON INTERNAL REFORM ARE RAISED, HOWEVER, GOK IS LIKELY TO RUN OUT OF TECHNICALITIES AND WILL HAVE TO FACE THESE ISSUES SQUARELY.
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